

## Kentucky Department of Corrections Staff and Offender Newsletter

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**THE TOOL BOX**

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# Reentry: What is it?

**Working together we can make our communities safer, save money, and others can become responsible citizens.**



What is reentry and Why is it Important to us?

Reentry is the process of someone who has been incarcerated returning to the community. The person has fulfilled their obligation if they have served all of their sentence or they are in the process of completing their sentence while on parole or probation.

Reentry involves the use of programs targeted at promoting the effective reintegration of offenders back to communities upon release from prison and jail. Reentry programming, which often involves a comprehensive case management approach, is intended to assist offenders in acquiring the life skills needed to succeed in the community and become law-abiding citizens. A variety of programs are used to assist offenders in the reentry process, including pre-release programs, drug rehabilitation, vocational training, and work programs.

There are many factors any person has when you move from one area to another. Where would you live? Where would you work? Who would help you when you needed it? These are questions you would ask especially if you made the move very quickly with only what you could carry, and you had limited resources to rely on.

A person reentering needs support to get started on the track to being successful in the community. They need jobs to make money, to buy housing, get transportation, buy food, etc. When a person is able to work and buy those things, the urge to commit a crime to get money, is greatly reduced.

Some have addictions to drugs and alcohol, and support is needed to battle those cravings. Fighting an addiction is not easy and may last a lifetime, but with support it can be done. Taking away those addictions may prevent many violent crimes as well as economic crimes.

Recidivism is when someone who has been in jail or prison, ends up returning to jail or prison due to criminal activity or violations of their parole or release. With proper support, it has been shown, the recidivism rate can be lowered greatly. While keeping people out of our prisons and jails is a good thing, it is also one of the greatest ways to save tax money and many other resources needed to keep a person in a cell.

A productive citizen in the community working to support themselves is one of the goals we wish to achieve.

Source: <http://www.kentuckyreentry.org/>



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## Calloway County Jail and Probation and Parole coordinate to “bridge the gap”.

James Hornbuckle was enrolled in the PORTAL New Direction reentry program but was released before he could complete the course. Chief Deputy of Operations DeeAnn Benke was the program facilitator and she contacted Adam Wofford from Paducah Probation and Parole. Adam has often taken time out to help with our reentry programs. When DeeAnn advised him of the situation, Adam agreed to meet with James for a few hours so that he could complete the program and receive his 90 days of Educational Good Time.



Left: Officer Dee Ann Benke  
Right: James Hornbuckle

Thanks to DeeAnn for her dedication and her efforts to help detainees help themselves. We also want to say thank you to Adam for always being so eager to help our jail.

Last but not least, congratulations to James for completing the class and taking his reentry serious. Mr. Hornbuckle expressed his gratitude to both the Calloway Co Jail and Probation and Parole. He was the 1st PORTAL New Direction graduate from Probation & Parole in Calloway Co.

Submitted by: Officer Adam Wofford—District 1— Paducah

### Commissioners Coin Presented:

A Commissioners coin was presented to Probation and Parole Officer, Joy Somero from the Hopkinsville Probation and Parole office for outstanding work.

For an ex-offender, making an honest living is vital to staying away from trouble and staying out of prison. Each needs to understand and overcome the challenges he/she may face when going back into the community. Officer Somero's facilitation towards reentry programs has helped offenders to understand life goals and afford them the opportunity to make the necessary changes in life. At present, graduates of the program have maintained full time employment which is a big undertaking that most have not accomplished until now. Because of her willingness to put forth the time and effort to ensure each client gets the tools to be productive in society, Officer Joy Somero is a great example of why re-entry programs are working. This is why Joy Somero is exceptionally deserving of the Commissioner's coin.



Officer Somero

**Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**  
**Helping Reentrants be Informed Consumers**  
**By: Lisa Lake, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC**

Do you work or volunteer with people who are restarting their lives after being incarcerated? Then you've probably seen first-hand how important it is that people reenter society with skills to help them make good financial decisions. Effective reentry strategies reduce crime and enhance individual and community well-being. The FTC has free materials to help people reentering society understand background checks, manage money, spot and avoid scams, avoid identity theft, and make good buying decisions. . All FTC resources are free and have no copyright restrictions, and we'll ship you as many as you need for your program. For free.

Source: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/webinar-helping-reentrants-be-informed-consumers>

**Information Available:**

The FTC's free materials help reentering and incarcerated consumers learn the basics of managing money, spotting and avoiding scams, and making buying decisions that are best for them and their families.

Free materials are:

- Getting the Basics—includes managing your money; credit, loans, and debt; and scam and identity theft.
- Find a Car— Buying, Leasing, or Renting.
- Rent a Home—What it is; What to know; and What to do
- Meet Your Education Goals-College and Vocational Schools; and Paying for School
- Earn Your Living— Education and Training; Job Hunting; Working from Home; Going into Business; and Investments and Grants
- Background Checks: What Job Applicants and Employees Should Know
- Take Back (and Protect) Your Identity

Let Your Voice be Heard

If you spot a scam, tell someone. Then report it to the FTC online, or call 1-877-FTC-HELP.

Source: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0039-reentry-and-corrections-education>



**SPOTLIGHT ON REENTRY  
PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER:  
NICHOLAS BING, DISTRICT 16, LOUISVILLE**  
Written by: Tera Vincent, District 16, Supervisor

Nicholas “Nick” Bing started with Probation and Parole District 16 (Louisville East) in 2013. He supervised a regular felony caseload, until he became the District’s intake officer in May 2015. While serving in that capacity, Officer Bing sought out any training opportunities to enhance his abilities and skills as an officer. This included becoming trained to facilitate Thinking for a Change, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Portal New Direction and 24/7 Dads. Due to chronic staffing issues, District 16 has not delivered reentry programming in the last year. However, this shall soon change as Nick became the dedicated programming officer for the District in August 2016. He is currently facilitating MRT and Portal New Direction at two local halfway houses. In September, he will begin facilitating Thinking for a Change. Officer Bing hopes to launch 24/7 Dads by October, as well as a second group of other programming. He has been instrumental in recruiting his fellow officers in becoming trained in reentry programming and there are now several other groups in the planning stages of doing programs. In 2016 Officer Bing presented to a group of local youth who have an incarcerated parent and was able to answer questions for these children. His strengths of being likeable, entertaining, knowledgeable and patient has led to these youth walking away with a better understanding of how the Division of Probation and Parole works to help individuals who are under community supervision. In addition to all of these efforts, Nick serves as a Reentry Liaison, Field Training Officer, Truth in Sentencing officer, and the Security Threat Group Coordinator. He completed the Certificate in Certified Supervisory Essentials in 2016. His passion for promoting and encouraging success in those around him, has made him a tremendous asset to the Division, this District, and the community as a whole.

**Do you know your local resources? If not, it can be found at:**

<http://corrections.ky.gov/reentry/Pages/Pre-ReleaseCommunityResources.aspx>

Please review the map to determine what District Area that you will need resources from and click on it.

For those of you that do not have access to internet, please write:

Kentucky Department of Corrections  
Reentry Branch  
PO Box 2400  
Frankfort, KY 40602-2400  
Attn: Melissa Moore



**SPOTLIGHT ON REENTRY  
PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER:  
JOY SOMERO, DISTRICT 2, HOPKINSVILLE**  
Written by: Kim Henagan, District 2, Supervisor



Officer Joy Somero engages with clients in the Moral Reconciliation Therapy Program.

What does it take to break the cycle of criminal life and incarceration? The obstacles that are in store for the ex-offender, who is released into society, are enormous according to recent studies conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). Once released from the criminal justice system, ex-offenders usually find reentering society a difficult process. The attitudes and behaviors that ensure survival in prison (being tough, intimidating or withdrawn) can work against building a stable social and emotional life. Officer Joy Somero is one officer that works tirelessly to ensure the reentry efforts work.

Officer Somero facilitates many reentry programs. The Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) program (MRT), is one of the many programs that is implemented in District 2 probation and parole. The goal of the MRT program is to give the offender the awareness of working on the inner-self by guiding the offender towards a new direction of making choices that will benefit the offender and his/her family. This program requires an intense will to change the attitude and behavior. In order to improve one's life, one must have a willingness to learn new skills, and have an ability to overcome rejection time after time. Many of the individuals that have graduated from the program stated that Officer Joy Somero has given them the tools to identify and apply these skills.

In addition, Officer Somero facilitates 24/7 Dads reentry program. The goal of this program is to give the skills and awareness dealing with all the issues of returning home to family life. According to the BJS (2014), more than 1.5 million children in the United States have parents in prison; and the children of inmates are five times more likely than average to serve time in prison when they become adults. The 24/7 Dads program is geared towards curbing these statistics. Many of our clients have graduated from this program. Most of the clients speak highly of the class and Officer Somero. One client stated that since taking the class, he understands all the things needed to be a father. With the help of Officer Somero, he is able to work through his obstacles that were prohibiting him from being a good parent.

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Bureau of Justice Statistics. (2014). FedStats, Retrieved November 30, 2015, [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/)



SPOTLIGHT ON REENTRY:  
CATHY EDELEN, GREEN RIVER CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX (GRCC)  
Written by: DeEdra Hart

Cathy Edelen began working for the Education Department at Green River Correctional Complex in November, 1998. She has not only been a dedicated Adult Education Instructor since that time, but has confirmed her love of teaching through the Pathfinders Program. Pathfinders is a very demanding and intense six month pre/post release program for adult offenders. Its goal is to graduate felony offenders with a balance of social and job skills and prepare them for an effective and satisfying life outside of prison walls. Mrs. Edelen uses her enthusiastic teaching style and great sense of humor to keep the inmate students motivated and challenged. There have been 462 inmates to complete the program. The prolonged success of this program is evident in the extremely low recidivism rates of Pathfinders' graduates.

Ms. Edelen cares as much today about the impact on the inmate population and the program's mission as she did the day she started. She does not allow the fact that her classroom is filled with convicted felons to hinder her wonderful teaching abilities. Her personal commitment to quality is obvious in her graduates.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT DOES REENTRY OR  
OFFERS REENTRY SERVICES AND WOULD LIKE TO  
SPOTLIGHT THEM, PLEASE LET THIS OFFICE KNOW:  
MELISSAJ.MOORE@KY.GOV

## Kentucky Reentry Councils

<https://www.facebook.com/louisvillereentry>



## RESOURCES

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) FY 2016-2017 Fact Sheet Administered by the Department for Community Based Services Services Provided by Community Action Agencies

PURPOSE:	To assist low-income households with home heating cost through two (2) components: 1. Subsidy - provides assistance to all eligible households. 2. Crisis - provides assistance to eligible households experiencing a home heating crisis.																																																																	
OPERATION:	Community Action Kentucky, Inc. will contract with twenty-three community action agencies to operate both components in all 120 counties. Applications for both components will be taken at local community action agency offices or designated sites in each county.																																																																	
ELIGIBILITY:	1) Household income must be at or below the following, relative to household size: <table> <tr> <th>Household Size</th><th>Gross Monthly Income</th><th>Household Size</th><th>Gross Monthly Income</th></tr> <tr> <td>1</td><td>\$ 1,287</td><td>5</td><td>\$ 3,081</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>\$ 1,736</td><td>6</td><td>\$ 3,530</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>\$ 2,184</td><td>7</td><td>\$ 3,980</td></tr> <tr> <td>4</td><td>\$ 2,633</td><td>8</td><td>\$ 4,430</td></tr> </table> <p>Add \$451 for each additional family member</p> 2) Must be responsible for home heating costs or pay heating costs as an undesignated portion of rent. 3) Must not have in excess of \$2,000 in liquid resources, or \$3,000 if at least one person in the household is age 60 or older; &/or disabled except for households where a member has an illness, which requires liquid resources to be accessed for medical and living expenses, the amount may be \$4,000. 4) In addition to the above eligibility requirements, crisis applicants must be within 4 days of running out of fuel if wood, coal, propane, fuel oil or kerosene is the heat source or a disconnect/past due notice has been received from the vendor (example: past due notice, termination notice, or final notice). Crisis applicants who participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program would be eligible if they are within 10 days of running out of pre-paid electric services. If energy costs are an undesignated portion of rent, an eviction notice is required.						Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	Household Size	Gross Monthly Income	1	\$ 1,287	5	\$ 3,081	2	\$ 1,736	6	\$ 3,530	3	\$ 2,184	7	\$ 3,980	4	\$ 2,633	8	\$ 4,430																																								
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APPLICATION PERIOD:	Subsidy: Applications must be made during the period November 1, 2016, through December 9, 2016. Applications will be taken in alphabetical order based on the first letter of the head of household's last name using the following schedule: <table> <tr> <td>November 1</td><td>A</td><td>November 15</td><td>H</td><td>November 29</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 2</td><td>B</td><td>November 16</td><td>H</td><td>November 30</td><td>O, P</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 3</td><td>B</td><td>November 17</td><td>I, J</td><td>December 1</td><td>Q, R</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 4</td><td>C</td><td>November 18</td><td>K</td><td>December 2</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 7</td><td>C</td><td>November 21</td><td>L</td><td>December 5</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 8</td><td>Election Day</td><td>November 22</td><td>M</td><td>December 6</td><td>T</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 9</td><td>D, E</td><td>November 23</td><td>Staff Day</td><td>December 7</td><td>U, V, W</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 10</td><td>F</td><td>November 24</td><td>Closed</td><td>December 8</td><td>X, Y, Z</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 11</td><td>Veteran's Day</td><td>November 25</td><td>Closed</td><td>December 9</td><td>Open</td></tr> <tr> <td>November 14</td><td>G</td><td>November 28</td><td>M</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> Crisis: Applications can be made from January 9, 2017, through March 31, 2017, or until available funds have been expended. Applicants who are unable to apply for themselves must contact the local community action to make other arrangements. If the designated representative is not the head of household or spouse, the representative must have a signed statement giving authorization to apply for the household. Individuals without a designated representative should contact the local community action agency which may be able to assist them in finding one. Only one person from each household should apply.						November 1	A	November 15	H	November 29	N	November 2	B	November 16	H	November 30	O, P	November 3	B	November 17	I, J	December 1	Q, R	November 4	C	November 18	K	December 2	S	November 7	C	November 21	L	December 5	S	November 8	Election Day	November 22	M	December 6	T	November 9	D, E	November 23	Staff Day	December 7	U, V, W	November 10	F	November 24	Closed	December 8	X, Y, Z	November 11	Veteran's Day	November 25	Closed	December 9	Open	November 14	G	November 28	M		
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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:	Applicants must bring the following: 1. Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household. 2. Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month. 3. Most current heating bill, statement from your landlord if heating expenses are included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program. 4. The account number and name on the account for all heating fuel sources and electric.  In addition, in the Crisis component, applicants requesting assistance for natural gas or electric must bring a disconnect/past due notice (example: past due notice, termination notice, or final notice). If your rent includes heat you must bring a copy of your lease and eviction notice. Applicants who participate in a Pre-Pay Electric Program must bring a statement from the utility company that shows they have 10 days or less of pre-paid electric service.																																																																	
BENEFITS PROVIDED:	Subsidy: The benefit amount that a household receives will be based on its level of poverty and the type of fuel used for heating. Those households with the lowest incomes that use the fuel with the highest heating season costs will receive the highest benefit. All eligible households will receive a benefit. Benefits will be in the form of vouchers made payable to the household's primary heating fuel vendor.  Crisis: Benefits are limited to the amount necessary to relieve the crisis with the maximum amount not to exceed the community action agency's local cost for a deliverable supply of the household's primary heating fuel or \$400 for gas or electric. Benefits may take the form of fuel deliveries, service reconnection, blankets or sleeping bags, loan of space heaters and emergency shelter. Crisis relief will be provided within 48 hours or 18 hours if an emergency.																																																																	
CLIENT REFERRAL:	Clients requesting additional information regarding either component of the FY 2016-2017 LIHEAP program should be referred to their local community action agency or Community Action Kentucky (CAK), toll-free number 1-800-456-3452 (TTY available for the hearing impaired).																																																																	
APPLICANT RIGHTS:	Each applicant will be informed of their rights should they be denied assistance. Any applicant who wishes to appeal the case should be informed by local community action agency staff of the procedures for filing a complaint. Should the applicant not be satisfied with the local decision, they may further appeal to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.																																																																	
RULES:	Do NOT give false information or hide information to receive LIHEAP benefits. Use LIHEAP benefits only for your household. If you BREAK these rules, you may be stopped from receiving LIHEAP benefits and you may be prosecuted for fraud. Report any information about fraud or misuse of LIHEAP benefits by calling the Fraud Hotline at 1-800-372-2970.																																																																	

## RESOURCES

### The Cost of Home Heating is a Problem for Many Low-Income Kentuckians

Your Community Action Agency may be able to help.  
Apply at the community action office in your county for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.



### LIHEAP SUBSIDY

Applications are taken in order of the last name of the head of the household. Choose the date on the calendar that contains the first letter of your last name.

Applications will be taken from **November 1, 2016** through **December 9, 2016**.

NOVEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 <b>A</b>	2 <b>B</b>	3 <b>B</b>	4 <b>C</b>	5
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13	14 <b>G</b>	15 <b>H</b>	16 <b>H</b>	17 <b>I, J</b>	18 <b>K</b>	19
20	21 <b>L</b>	22 <b>M</b>	23 Staff Day	24 Closed	25 Closed	26
27	28 <b>M</b>	29 <b>N</b>	30 <b>O, P</b>			
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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4	5 <b>S</b>	6 <b>T</b>	7 <b>U, V, W</b>	8 <b>X, Y, Z</b>	9 <b>OPEN</b> Last Day of Subsidy	

If you cannot apply on your assigned day, contact your local community action agency to make other arrangements.  
**On Your Assigned Day, Go To:**

#### PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON YOUR DESIGNATED DAY:

1. Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
2. Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month.
3. Most current heating bill, statement from your landlord if heating expenses are included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in Pre-Pay Electric Program.
4. The account number and name on the account for all heating fuel sources and electric.

Please report any information about fraud or misuse of LIHEAP benefits by calling the Fraud Hotline at 1-800-372-2970.  
Giving wrong information on purpose is fraud and may result in legal action against you.

For more information, call 1-800-456-3452 (TTY available for the hearing impaired).

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER M/F/D  
KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

**YOU ARE INVITED:****BLUEGRASS FAMILIES  
OF THE INCARCERATED****\*\*FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL\*\***

Families of the Incarcerated is a group of family members in the Lexington, Kentucky area with loved ones incarcerated, committed to providing support to one another and provide for a smoother transition for the families once their loved ones return home. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at American National University and welcomes all families who are seeking a place of love, support, and encouragement as they deal with having a member of their family in prison.

PLEASE RSVP TO: [jamnorton@gmail.com](mailto:jamnorton@gmail.com), 859-338-9821 (Jim)

**Upcoming 2016 Monthly Meetings/Topics:**

June 15—Laurel Conners, Federal Probation

July 20—NO MEETING

August 17—Judge James Ishmael, Circuit Court Judge, Lexington

September 21—TBD

October 19—TBD

November 16—Kerry Mears, Department of Corrections, ReEntry Branch

December 21—TBD

Bluegrass Families of the Incarcerated, American National University  
2376 Sir Barton Way, Lexington, KY

**GREATER LOUISVILLE RE-ENTRY  
COALITION OF FAMILY & FRIENDS  
OF THE INCARCERATED & CONVICTED****\*\*Free & Confidential \*\***

On the 2nd Thursday of every month the Greater Louisville Reentry Coalition of Families & Friends of the Incarcerated & Convicted meets at 6:30 PM at:  
New Legacy, 1115 Garvin Place, Louisville, KY  
[www.newlegacyky.org](http://www.newlegacyky.org)

OUR GROUP INCLUDES ANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE LOUISVILLE AND SURROUNDING AREA WITH LOVED ONES INCARCERATED OR PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SUPPORT TO ONE ANOTHER AND PROVIDE FOR A SMOOTHER TRANSITION FOR THE FAMILIES ONCE THEIR LOVED ONES RETURN HOME AND SUPPORTING THEM AFTER RELEASE.

The Greater Louisville Area Encompasses the following counties: Jefferson, Bullitt, Spencer, Shelby, Henry, Trimble, Oldham

[www.louisvillereentry.org](http://www.louisvillereentry.org)  
[www.facebook.com/louisvillereentry](https://www.facebook.com/louisvillereentry)  
[www.facebook.com/KentuckyFamiliesoftheIncarcerated](https://www.facebook.com/KentuckyFamiliesoftheIncarcerated)

Contact: Melissa  
[melissamosjones@gmail.com](mailto:melissamosjones@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Dates**

June 9	October 13—KY DOC
July 14	November 10
August 11	December 8
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**STATISTICS SHOW:****EDUCATION REDUCES RECIDIVISM**

Prisoners participating in educational programs were significantly less likely to be rearrested, reconvicted and re-incarcerated.

Source: <http://www.aecf.org/resources/reentry-helping-former-prisoners-return-to-communities>

## YOU ARE INVITED:



FREE is a Family Centered Care Group that is focused on sharing and helping ex-offenders and their families to overcome obstacles with community resources that are available with an understanding of life after incarceration.

\*Special Meeting on **July 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM** \*  
with **Guest Speaker Kerry Mears**  
from the Reentry Branch of the Kentucky Department of Corrections

Upcoming Meetings:  
May 12 June 9 \*July 14\*  
August 11 September 8 October 13

Come join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
each month at 6:00 pm .....

Coordinator:  
George Hampton  
[Lt11bg@gmail.com](mailto:Lt11bg@gmail.com)  
270-991-4556

Living Hope Baptist Church  
1805 Westen Avenue  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Door M (down the steps)



**\*\* FREE \*\***  
and  
**CONFIDENTIAL**

### Friends & Family, Inc

**Friends & Family, Inc. is a group of family members in the Northern Kentucky area with loved ones incarcerated, committed to providing support to one another and provide for a smoother transition for the families once their loved ones return home.**

**We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at**  
**Catholic Charities**  
**3629 Church Street, Covington, KY**  
**[www.covingtoncharities.org](http://www.covingtoncharities.org)**

**Contact: Maria Meyer**  
**[mmeyer@covingtoncharities.org](mailto:mmeyer@covingtoncharities.org)**  
**859.581.8974 ext.117**

#### Upcoming 2016 Dates

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20

**On October 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM** Guest Speaker  
Kerry Mears from the Reentry Branch of the Kentucky Department of Corrections for a Family Engagement Question & Answer session.

[www.kentuckyreentry.org](http://www.kentuckyreentry.org)  
[www.facebook.com/NorthernKentuckyReentry/](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernKentuckyReentry/)  
[www.facebook.com/KentuckyFamiliesofthelncarcerated/](https://www.facebook.com/KentuckyFamiliesofthelncarcerated/)

**OCTOBER 13, 2016—9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

### WESTERN KENTUCKY WORKFORCE REENTRY RESOURCE & JOB FAIR

**Kentucky Reentry:**  
**A Second Chance to Make a First Impression**



**americanjobcenter**

**What:** Resource & Job Fair for Justice Involved Population  
**When:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 From 9:00 AM—1:00 PM CST  
**Where:** Kentucky Career Center, 416 S. 6th Street, Paducah, KY

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR—Disabled American Veterans**  
[MilesMeredith7@comcast.net](mailto:MilesMeredith7@comcast.net)

#### SPEAKERS! FREE REFRESHMENTS/SNACKS

9:00 AM - Judge Clymer will speak about Judges role in Expungement  
11:00 AM—Returning Citizen, Stephen

#### Resource Tables and/or Information

Disabled American Veterans, KY Reentry, KY Legal Aid, KY Probation & Parole, Centerstone, Passport, Four Rivers, Health Dept., Adult Ed, Commonwealth Attorney's Office and more!

**\*\*\*Employers will be there for interviews & will consider all applicants with criminal history! Bring Your Resume!\*\*\***

Thank you Miles Meredith Chapter 7 Disabled American Veterans  
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## CAREER SOLUTIONS COMMUNITY

# JOB FAIR

**October 11, 2016**

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Julian Carroll Convention Center  
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- Résumé assistance available during the event!
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## 2016 FALL CONFERENCE

**Friday, October 21, 2016  
First Baptist Church  
425 Eastern Bypass, Richmond, KY**

Registration & Breakfast: 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Forum: 8:30 to 12:00 p.m.

Speakers on The Seven Challenges, Flakka, Synthetic  
Drugs & Marijuana, and the Rise in Overdoses.

Panel of Professionals for Q & A.

**FREE Event!!**

To register:

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Attendees will receive 3 CEUs for Social  
Work, LPC, Psychology, Alcohol & Drug,  
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Re-Entry Support



Tuesday, October 18th  
6:30 PM

Hands on re-entry support for returning citizens after incarceration.

Networking to help each other thrive,  
celebrate freedom and community spirit.

Hosted at:



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The Bluegrass Reentry Council (BRC) was established in 2009, to promote the successful reentry of ex-offenders into our communities. Your financial support enables the BRC to fulfill our mission to promote successful reentry through our professional network, linking community and governmental resources, and hosting education and training events.

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